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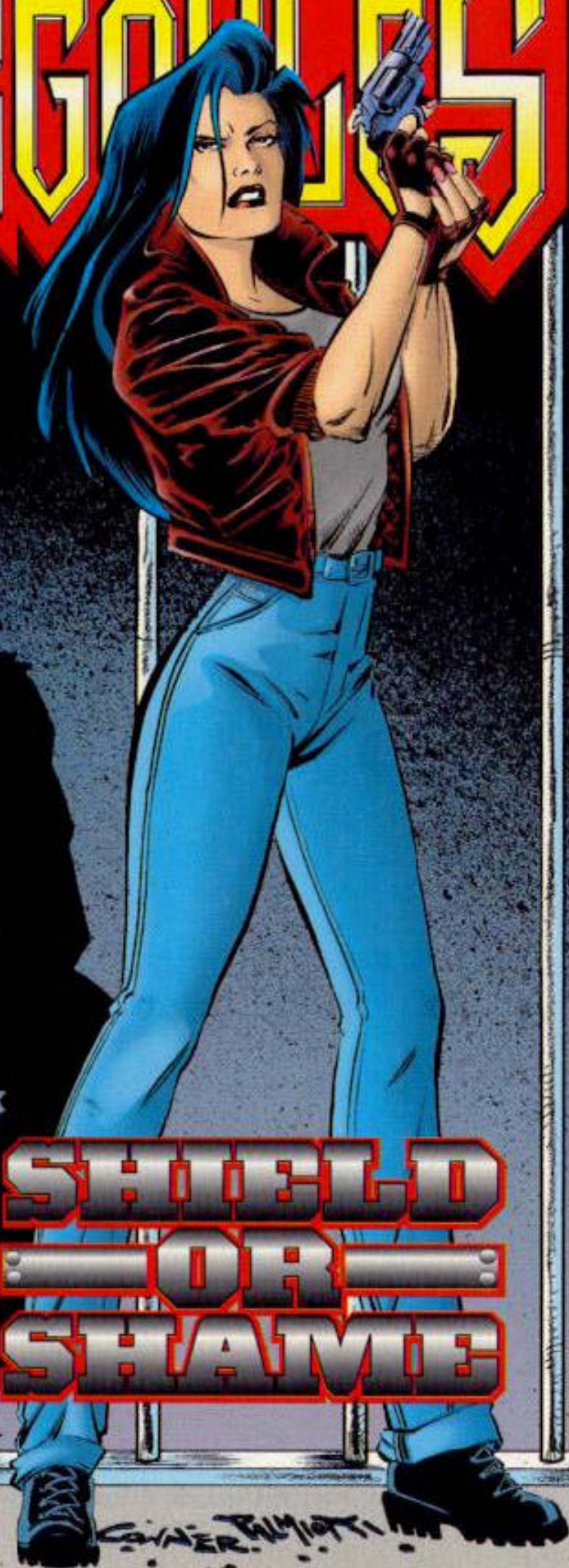
**FROM THE EXPLOSIVE ANIMATED TV SERIES!**



# GARGOYLES

**Elisa's  
Worst  
Nightmare**

**SHIELD  
FOR  
SHAME!**



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PITY THE VALEROUS  
GOLIATH, LEADER OF THE  
WARRIORS KNOWN AS...

# GARGOYLES

MERE MINUTES AGO, HE AND  
HIS CLAN AIDED DETECTIVE  
ELISA MAZA IN FOILING THE  
EVIL SCHEMES OF A  
CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION  
KNOWN AS THE TRIAD.

THEIR VICTORY CAME  
AT A HEAVY PRICE.  
UNKNOWN TO THEM,  
THEIR NEMESIS,  
DEMONA, WAS IN  
POSSESSION OF A  
RARE ARTIFACT... A  
GARGOYLE EGG! THE  
TRIAD'S DEFEAT  
MEANT THE EGG  
REMAINED  
UNHATCHED!

FROM THEIR ONCE MIGHTY  
RACE, ONLY A HANDFUL  
OF GARGOYLES SURVIVE.  
AND GOLIATH BLAMES  
HIMSELF THAT ANOTHER  
WAS NOT BORN TONIGHT!

# HAHAHAHAHAHA

I CAN STILL  
HEAR DEMONA'S MOCKING  
LAUGHTER! NEVER HAS A  
TRIUMPH BEEN SO QUICKLY  
REPLACED BY PAIN!

DEMONA KNOWS  
WHAT ANOTHER GARGOYLE  
IN THIS WORLD WOULD MEAN  
TO US... AND OUR PROUD  
LEGACY!

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN  
EVERYBODY IS HAUNTED BY  
SOMETHING...

# OUT OF THE PAST

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GOLIATH STARES INTO THE VOID, TORTURED BY HIS THOUGHTS. HE IS OBVIOUS TO THE ELEMENTS, BUT NOT THE KIND WORDS OF A FRIEND...

GOLIATH? WHY DON'T YOU COME IN FROM THE RAIN? THE GUYS ARE A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT YOU... A-AND ME, TOO.

LEAVE ME, ELISA. I'M IN NO MOOD TO TALK. I'VE NEVER WISHED FOR THE DAWN TO COME SO QUICKLY AS I DO NOW.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO HARSH ON YOURSELF. YOU COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT DEMONA WAS ATTEMPTING TO HATCH A GARGOYLE EGG!

\*THESE TRIAD TRIBULATIONS WERE REVEALED LAST ISSUE -- HILLY

IN THE MIST OF THAT STORM WE COULDN'T SEE THE EGG! WE WERE UNAWARE THAT WE WERE INTERRUPTING THEIR ARCAIC CEREMONY FOR HATCHING IT.

THE ONLY THING WORSE IS IF IT HAD HATCHED AND WAS REARED UNDER DEMONA'S WICKED INFLUENCE!

AND, IF THERE'S ONE GARGOYLE EGG OUT THERE, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE MORE AROUND THE WORLD!

PERHAPS...

I'VE LEARNED IN MY YEARS ON THE FORCE THAT THERE ARE JUST SOME THINGS THAT HAPPEN THAT YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CONTROL OVER AND CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR.

THANK YOU, ELISA.

YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE. I CAN'T DWELL ON MATTERS I HAVE NO INFLUENCE OVER.

BUT I AM VERY FORTUNATE TO BE SURROUNDED BY THOSE WHO TRULY CARE FOR ME.

NO MATTER WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU, GOLIATH!

SO SAY WE ALL, LAD!

ELISA SURE IS A GREAT FRIEND. BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT IT WOULD'VE BEEN LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER... OR SISTER!

MEANWHILE, SOME REVELERS EXIT A NEARBY ALL-NIGHT ROCK CLUB...

HEY, WAIT UP A SEC, TRUXIE!

OH, HURRY UP, SLOW POKER! I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF THERE! THE PLACE IS FULL OF TRENDY GREEP-AZARDS!

I WANNA GO TO THAT UKRAINIAN DINER AND GET SOME KIELBASA AND EGGS...

... AND SOME PEROGIES AND... HEY, JAKE, WHERE ARE YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

JUS'... JUS' TRYING' TO SHUCK THE M'DARN SNEAKERS!

UH, HOW'D I GET THREE UNTIED SNEAKERS?

WHAT ARE YOU JABBERING AB-- OH, MY--!

WAIT, THAT AIN' MY SNEAKER, AND THAT AIN' MY LEG--

AWWEEEEE!

EVEN TWO SO JARRED, CYNICAL, AND DESENSITIZED BY VIOLENT MEDIA ARE SHOCKED WHEN FACED WITH THE HIDEOUS REALITY BEFORE THEM!

THE MURDER WILL HAVE A  
LARGE IMPACT ON ELISA,  
BUT FOR NOW, SHE IS...

HOME,  
FINALLY!

GROWW?

OH, SWEETIE!  
ARE YOU  
HUNGRY?

HERE YA  
GO, CAGNEY!

PRRR  
PRRR

MAN, AM I  
BUSHED! I  
DON'T GET TO  
SLEEP ALL DAY  
LIKE YOU...  
OR SOME  
OTHER GUYS  
I KNOW!

THE EXHAUSTED DETECTIVE  
DREAMS A FAMILIAR DREAM.

BUT FOR ELISA IT'S A NIGHTMARE  
MADE ALL THE MORE HORRIBLE BY  
THE FACT THAT IT'S TRUE!

1991... ELISA IS STILL WALKING THE  
BEAT, FOLLOWING IN HER FATHER,  
PETER MAZA'S SIZEABLE  
FOOTSTEPS IN THE NEW YORK CITY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CAN'T  
WAIT TO LIE  
DOWN.

EMPTY  
MY POCKETS  
FIRST AND-- OW! WHIZZAT?

OH, MY  
BADGE.

COULD  
USE A  
POLISHING.

TOMORROW...  
YAWN.

RIGHT  
NOW, I JUS'  
WANNA...

... SLEEP.

HER BRAVERY, INGENUITY AND  
OUTSTANDING ARRESTS HAVE  
PUT HER IN LINE TO JOIN THE  
PRESTIGIOUS DETECTIVE  
SQUAD. SHE'S SO CLOSE TO  
GETTING HER DETECTIVE  
BADGE, SHE CAN TASTE IT...

... EVEN IN HER  
DREAM.



WHERE'S THAT GUY WITH THE COFFEE? I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS NAME... I GO THROUGH MORE PARTNERS THAN DIRTY HARRY.

IT'S ALMOST 3 A.M. THAT'S WHEN OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SERIAL KILLER USUALLY STRIKES.

AND I'VE GOT A PARTNER WHO CAN'T SIT ON A STRIKEOUT WITHOUT THE REQUISITE DONUTS.

THE ONLY CLUE WE HAVE IS SOME LONG, BROWN HAIR FOUND IN A VICTIM'S HAND. NOT MUCH TO GO ON, BUT...

OFFICER! MISS! THERE'S SOMEONE SCREAMING BLOODY MURDER IN THE ALLEY AROUND THE CORNER!

THIS IS IT! STAY HERE AND WHEN MY PARTNER RETURNS, TELL HIM WHAT YOU TOLD ME!

IT SOUNDED SO GRUESOME!

HOLEY DO-NUTS

POLICE

POLICE! FREEZE! OKAY, DROP THE KNIFE! LET'S TAKE IT SLOW...

IT'S NOT HOW IT LOOKS! I DIDN'T DO IT!

I'M NOT THE JUDGE, BUDDY. NOW, PUT THE BLADE DOWN SLOWLY OR...

SH-SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND... WE H-HAD AN ARGUMENT, SHE STORMED OFF INTO THIS ALLEY...

... I-I HEARD SCREAMS!

I SAW A SHAGGY DUDE RUN OUT... A-AND JOSIE LYIN' THERE.

I PULLED THIS THING OUT OF HER, BUT SHE... SHE WAS... DEAD.

INFAMOUS "ALLEY KILLER" ADAM JONES WAS CONVICTED TODAY ON ALL MURDER COUNTS DESPITE CONTINUED PROTESTATIONS OF INNOCENCE...

NEW YORK BOAST ALLEY KILLER CAUGHT  
SNAGGED RECHARD'S OVER GARDEN'S BODY

JONES GUILTY  
DAILY TATTLER I'M INNOCENT

THE ARREST PUT ELISA IN THE HEADLINES AND THE MAYOR SAW TO IT PERSONALLY THAT SHE RECEIVED HER DETECTIVE'S BADGE.

IT WAS THE BEST DAY OF HER LIFE AS HER FATHER, AND THE CITY, WATCHED.

BUT THE NEW DETECTIVE HAD TO WONDER...

I'M PROUD OF YOU HONEY.

... WAS THERE A "SHAGGY DUDE"? DID SHE PUT AWAY THE RIGHT MAN?

WHA--? SIRENS!

OH, JUST AN AMBULANCE GOING BY...

THAT DREAM! WHY WOULD I HAVE IT AGAIN... NOW?

THE FUN NEVER STOPS AROUND HERE.

HELLO?

IT'S MATT. SORRY I WOKE YOU, BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D BETTER HEAR ABOUT THIS.

THERE'S BEEN A FEW SLASHER MURDERS ON YOUR OLD BEAT LATELY. BUT IT WASN'T TILL TONIGHT THAT THE FORCE PUT 'EM TOGETHER.

YEAH, AND...?

THEY'VE GOT THE EXACT SAME M.O. AS THE ALLEY KILLER CASE.

WHAT? NO! I-I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN! BYE.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN NAGGING AT ME...

... WAS JONES JUST AT THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME?

NO, I ARRESTED THE RIGHT MAN...

... THIS BADGE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EARNED ON A BAD ARREST... IT JUST COULDN'T!

NIGHT FALL...

HEY, IS ELISA SHOWIN' UP WITH FOOD OR WHAT? I'M FEELING A MIGHT PECKISH!

BROADWAY, THAT'S SO UNLIKE YOU!

EASY ON THE SARCASM, BROOKLYN...

... AS FOR ELISA, SHE'S A BUSY OFFICER OF THE LAW, WITH MANY RESPONSIBILITIES.

WE CAN'T TAKE HER FOR GRANTED AS A TAKE-OUT DELIVERY PERSON.

OKAY, I'M IN A FOOD-GATHERING MODE. ANYONE ELSE UP FOR A FLY?

TOTALLY!

ME, TOO!

I HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO TONIGHT.

HOW 'BOUT YOU, HUDSON? WE FOUND A PLACE THAT SERVES HAGGIS!

YEAH! AND YOU SAID YOU'D HELP US PERFECT OUR TRIPLE AERIAL LOOPS!

OCHI IF IT WERE ONLY ANY OTHER NIGHT, LADS...

SUIT YOURSELF... I NEVER QUITE ACQUIRED A TASTE FOR HAGGIS, ANYWAY.

HEY, AFTER WE NOSH, LET'S CHECK OUT THAT CONSTRUCTION SITE I TOLD YOU ABOUT.

WE COULD DO SOME POLE POSITION FLYING AROUND THE GIRDERS!

... TONIGHT IS E.R.I

WRRP!

AT THE STATION...

NO! IT CAN'T BE! THE MURDER PATTERN IS IDENTICAL! SLASHER, SAME NEIGHBORHOOD SAME TIME OF NIGHT, SAME VICTIM TYPE...

WHAT ABOUT ADAM JONES? IS HE---

WITNESSES



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

STILL LOCKED UP? YEAH, I CHECKED. HE'S STILL YELLING HE'S INNOCENT AND WHEN THE PRESS HEARS ABOUT THIS... HOO-WEE!

MATT, WHAT IF I NAILED THE WRONG GUY? IS AN INNOCENT MAN ROTTING AWAY--

DON'T SAY IT, ELISA. THIS IS THE WORK OF SOME SORT OF "COPYCAT" KILLER.

CHAVEZ HAS ME ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR THE NEXT FEW NIGHTS AND I KNOW YOU'LL WANT TO STAKE OUT THAT NEIGHBORHOOD! ELISA, PLEASE DON'T DO THIS BY YOURSELF.

GOLIATH COULD HELP ME AS AN "EYE IN THE SKY" AND... WAIT A SECOND.

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T INVOLVE THE GARGOYLES. AFTER ALL, IT'S MY MESS.

I CAUGHT THE ORIGINAL ALLEY KILLER (I MUST'VE) AND I CAN CATCH THIS ONE...

... BY MYSELF! AND IT ALL STARTS AFTER A QUICK TRIP TO DR. HAILE O'CONNOR AT THE CITY MORGUE...

I WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO KNOW IF MY WORST FEARS TURN OUT TO BE TRUE.



HAILE O'CONNOR  
CAN'T KNOW THE  
HEAVINESS IN  
ELISA'S HEART.

UNTIL SHE LEARNS  
THE TRUTH ABOUT  
THE MURDERS AND  
HERSELF, HER WORLD  
IS A DARK ONE.

IN A LESS SOMBER WORLD, THREE  
YOUNG STALWARTS ENJOY SOME  
HIGH-FLYING AEROBATICS AROUND  
THE SKELETON OF A NASCENT  
SKYSCRAPER.

THAT WAS A  
BLAST! LET'S DO  
IT AGAIN!

HEY,  
WHAT'S  
THIS  
THING?

A BIG  
SHEET OF METAL,  
MAYBE?

VERY FUNNY.  
BUT WHEN I  
STEPPED ON IT, IT  
KIND OF BUCKLED  
LIKE IT'S EMPTY  
UNDERNEATH!

MAYBE  
THERE'S  
SOME HIDDEN  
TREASURE  
DOWN  
THERE!

RIGHT.  
LIKE YOU'RE  
INDIANA LEXINGTON  
JONES AND THIS IS  
THE TUNNEL OF  
DOOM!

WAIT...  
DO YOU HEAR  
SOMETHING?

SKREEEE

SKREEEE

BATS!

YEAH!  
BATS, AND A COUPLE  
OF CHICKENS!

HEE HAW!  
YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN  
YOUR FACES!

LET'S SEE WHERE THIS  
TUNNEL GOES TO... AN  
UNDERGROUND CITY?  
THE EARTH'S  
CORE?

WHEREVER IT GOES,  
WHATEVER THE DANGER  
WE'RE READY FOR IT!  
'CAUSE THAT'S THE  
KIND OF DUDES  
WE ARE!

WILL YA  
CAN THE CORN,  
LEX?



ELSEWHERE...

CHILL THE FLIZZ.



BABY, YOU REEK OF COP.

WHATCHU DOIN' HERE, EXCEPT SCARIN' OFF OUR BUSINESS?

I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE. I NEED INFO...



IF IT PANS OUT, YOU GET THIS... AND THE SATISFACTION OF AIDING THE COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS IT, GIRLFRIEND?

THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF SLASHER MURDERS AROUND HERE LATELY.



YOU FOR REAL? I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'!

BUT I DO! LAST NIGHT I HEARD A FEW SCREAMS AN' THOUGHT MAYBE I'D CALL YOU GUYS. BUT THEN IT STOPPED.

I FIGURED EVERYTHING WAS OKAY. BUT THEN I SEE THAT MURDER ON TV.. HAPPENED A BLOCK AWAY!

SEE ANY-BODY SUSPICIOUS AROUND?



OH, YEAH. A TOTAL CREEP THAT I SEE EVERY NOW AN' THEN. HE DOESN'T GO FOR GALS LIKE ME.

LIKES 'EM MORE THIN; DARK HAIR. KINDA YOUR TYPE.

ANYWAYS, LAST NIGHT, AFTER THAT SCREAMIN', I DID SEE HIM LURKIN' AROUND. YA CANT MISS 'IM. HE'S KINDA BIG, LOTSA HAIR.

REAL SHAGGY.



"...AND I'LL BE THERE."

THERE IS NO SOUND,  
ELISA STALKS THE KILLER,  
BUT THE HUNTER...

...BECOMES THE HUNTED.

ARRRRRR!

JONES!

IT WAS  
YOU! YOU'RE THE  
KILLER!

I NAILED  
YOU ONCE,  
I CAN DO IT  
AGAIN!

AWWWF!

YOU DON'T KNOW  
THE HELL YOU'VE  
PUT ME THROUGH!  
IT ENDS HERE!

HEH HEH

Y-YOUR  
FACE!

HA HA HA

A MASK?

CAN'T  
MOVE! OH,  
GOLIATH, I  
WISH--

I'M  
AWAKE?!

NO!!

HA HA HA HA

IT WAS JUST A  
NIGHTMARE!

I MUST BE  
SPACING... TELL ASLEEP  
IN MY CAR! THIS CASE IS  
GETTING TO ME.

IF MY FEARS ARE  
TRUE, WHAT WOULD  
EVERYONE SAY? MY  
PARENTS? MATT? CAPTAIN  
CHAVEZ? XANATOS  
WOULD LOVE IT.

SHAGGY,  
AIN'T I?  
READY TO DIE,  
ELISA?

THERE'S NO ONE  
I CAN CONFIDE IN. I  
HAVE NO CLOSE FRIENDS.  
EXCEPT... EXCEPT...

"...GOLIATH!"





HA! BRONX'S  
SNIFFER IS IN  
OVERDRIVE!

SN-SN-SNIFF  
SNORT!

HE'S  
GOING TO  
LOVE IT DOWN  
THERE!



WHY IS  
SO MUCH OF THIS CITY  
ABANDONED? SEEMS  
TO BE A LOT OF WASTED  
RESOURCES AROUND  
HERE!

YEAH, BUT IT'S  
OUR GAIN. IF THIS PLACE  
WASN'T DESERTED, WE  
COULDN'T FOOL AROUND  
DOWN HERE!

HEY,  
BRONX!  
DON'T EAT  
THAT!



ONCE WE  
GET PAST THIS  
CRAMPED PART,  
IT'S WORTH  
THE TRIP!

THAT SHE  
BLOWS!

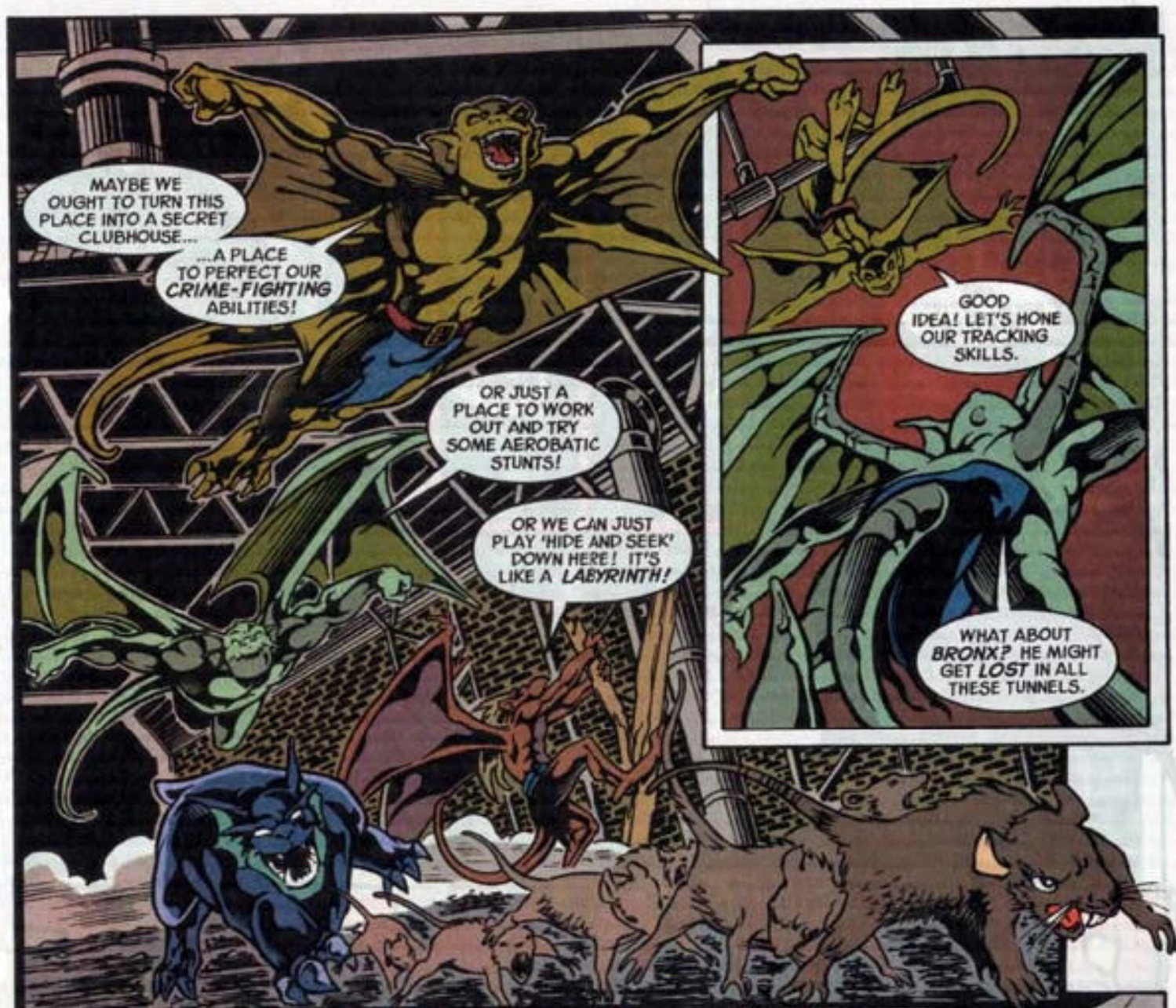


MAN!  
THIS PLACE IS  
GIGANTIC!

I FORGOT  
HOW CAVERNOUS  
THIS PLACE WAS!

THIS IS SO  
RADICAL! PLENTY  
OF PLACES TO CLIMB  
AND SWOOP!

HISSSSSSS



MAYBE WE  
OUGHT TO TURN THIS  
PLACE INTO A SECRET  
CLUBHOUSE...

...A PLACE  
TO PERFECT OUR  
CRIME-FIGHTING  
ABILITIES!

OR JUST A  
PLACE TO WORK  
OUT AND TRY  
SOME AEROBATIC  
STUNTS!

OR WE CAN JUST  
PLAY 'HIDE AND SEEK'  
DOWN HERE! IT'S  
LIKE A Labyrinth!

GOOD  
IDEA! LET'S HONE  
OUR TRACKING  
SKILLS.

WHAT ABOUT  
BRONX? HE MIGHT  
GET LOST IN ALL  
THESE TUNNELS.

NO WAY!  
WITH THAT NOSE OF HIS,  
BRONX COULD SNIFF US  
OUT IN A GARBAGE  
DUMP. HE CAN ALWAYS  
FIND US.

FETCH  
THE STICK,  
BRONX!

HRUFF

OKAY,  
HIDE AND SEEK  
IT IS...







ABOVE GROUND, A YOUNG WOMAN OF THE NIGHT IS TRULY ALONE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAGUED BY A KILLER; WAITING...

HOPE I GET SOME ACTION SOON...

I FEEL LIKE A JERK ALL TARTED UP OUT HERE WAITING TO BE ATTACKED!

LOOKS LIKE I'M WASTING MY TIME. AT LEAST I GOT SOME GOOD LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS FOR THE VICE SQUAD!



DARN! NOT USED TO HEELS AND BUSTED THIS ONE ON THE GRATE!



THIS IS WHY I DON'T WEAR HIGH HEELS. THAT AND...



EH?

AAARRGH

NO! THE  
KILLER!  
LIKE MY  
DREAM!

AIEEEEE!!!

NEXT:  
ELISA'S FATE!

PLUS A  
BRONX TALE!



# WRITTEN IN STONE

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

HILDA MESNIK — Editor

Any successful artist will tell you that the most important thing is to keep drawing, drawing, and drawing. Attend comic book conventions in your town and talk to your fellow artists for advice. Once you're comfortable with your ability and style, whip up some original pages and pages based on published art and send it to the editor of the comics titles you're interested in. It may not get you a job right away but it's a start. Practice and persistence will help you along the way. Good luck!

Dear Written in Stone,

My name's Paul Meyer, I'm 21, and I've been collecting your GARGOYLES comic since issue #1. I know how frustrating it can be sometimes when you can't find the issue you want. I have some good news for Andrea Ross [who was looking for issue #1]. I'm referring you to Mile High Comics, 2151 West 56th Avenue, Denver, CO, 303-455-2659 or 800-676-6423. I'm sure they'd be glad to help you, I'm glad I called.

I wanted to comment on what a splendid job you are doing on this comic. It's great to read (and believe me, I love to read!) and it's also a nice break from all the horrors you hear on the news. Thanks for writing...er, carving my letter in your letters column, and until Xanatos and Elisa get hitched, Make Mine Marvel!

Paul Meyer  
McDonald, PA

One of the most asked questions to this letters page is where to find back issues of GARGOYLES! If you can't find them in your local comic shop, you can try out the info above, courtesy of Paul.

And as you probably know by now, Xanatos got hitched... but not to Elisa!



Dear Written in Stone,

AARRGG! Wonderful as a Gargoyle in flight... unfortunately the sun just came up! Though the stories are fabulous; fit to satisfy the sophisticated, modern teen, the dialogue is contrived! And isn't Venus, genetically speaking, more like Goliath's daughter? I love the Gargoyles concept, the visuals, the storylines the emotion. But I think you need to fine-tune the dialogue!

My favorite Gargoyle is Broadway for

his sensitive character, though the rest are all wonderful in their own special ways. You've got a gem of a project happening here. You've dared to be different, now dare to be the best!

Barbara Quaal, 26  
Smithers, B.C., Canada

We aim to please, Barbara, so hopefully you'll find the dialogue more to your liking in future issues! And as far as Venus, who's to say whether clones are genetically like siblings or children or...? Perhaps that will be sorted out when Venus soon returns!

Dear Written in Stone,

I love the GARGOYLES comics. I have every one. Issue #9 was cool, too bad the egg didn't hatch. It would be neat to see a Goliath Junior! Will Talon (Derek) be in the comics, will Coldstone?

John Balserait, 13  
Merritt Island, FL

Oh, you might see a "Goliath, Junior" some day, John. In the meantime, would you other readers like to see Derek and Coldstone in these pages? Let us know.

Dear Written in Stone,

Why Haile O'Conner? What gives? What does Elisa find so interesting in him? Personally I would go with her better-looking partner, Matt.

You're doing such a great job not only on the comics but on this column. I think it is great to let people express their ideas and comments. Did you know this was my first comic series I have collected and this is my first time I've ever written to a comic book? Keep up your super, excellent, fantastic job.

A devoted follower forever,  
Marlene Chua, 14  
Verona, NJ  
(Hi, Mike!)

Welcome, Marlene, and thanks for your awesome drawing of Elisa! Elisa's best friends are statues by day so it's understandable she might develop new "24-hour" friendships. Thanks for writing, Marlene!

Dear W.I.S.,

I'm 17 and only started collecting comics three years ago. I loved the Venus issue, but where in the world did Xanatos get DNA samples from Elisa and Goliath?

Jennifer Tornow, 17  
Gloucester, VA

Xanatos and Demona got Goliath's and Elisa's blood and tissue samples somewhere between issue #1 and #2 of GARGOYLES (look hard, you'll find it) and the explanation unfolds throughout the story arc of issues #1-#6.

Dear Gargoyle Groupies: Your letters keep flooding in with so many interesting things to say and millions of questions to ask... but it wouldn't be any fun if we gave away all the answers now! Keep reading and watching because the new adventures on TV and in these pages promise to satisfy your curiosity!

Hilda

Dear Written in Stone,

I read GARGOYLES #7 & #8 and WOW! I didn't expect Wolf's dead body to actually be a virtual hologram, and the art as usual rocked. I didn't like Lex's overreaction with Wolf's death. He's killed before, he's a warrior. His job was to guard the castle from trespassers usually resulting in death and it's not like Wolf was one of his favorite people. My favorite Gargoyle is Brooklyn, he's the coolest, but why isn't he seeing any action? Come on, give him something.

I've been reading the letter section and I'm sick of people saying that the Gargoyles should have guns and weapons. HELLO! These guys are 1000-years-old. The most high-tech weapon they had back then was a catapult. Anyway, keep up the great work and give Brooklyn a big story, PLEASE!

Alan Belerique, 16  
Mississauga, ONT, Canada

Okay, Alan, we hear you and your wish is our command! We have some action-packed stories featuring your fave Gargoyle, Brooklyn, in upcoming issues!

Dear Written in Stone,

You have done such a great job on the GARGOYLES comics. I like the original characters and the new characters you have included.

I like to draw comics myself. It is my life's goal to be a cartoonist. I won an Art Scholarship to Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, KS. Your Gargoyles comics and cartoons have inspired me to write you and to create some of my own versions of Gargoyles. I am hoping you will be willing to give me some advice on how to get my career off the ground.

Brenda Boone, 20  
Winfield, KS

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